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SURVEY OF FACILITIES FOR COLLECTING FOREIGN  
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION BY CLANDESTINE METHODS

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence

References: a. C.I.G. Directive No. 1  
b. N.I.A. Directives Nos. 1 and 2

1. By C.I.G. Directive No. 1, an ad hoc committee was established to study the facilities, resources, and operations of the Strategic Services Unit, and to submit recommendations. Pursuant to paragraph 4-b of N.I.A. Directive No. 2, it is now necessary to initiate a broad survey of all existing facilities for the collection of foreign intelligence information by clandestine methods. This long-range project should receive high priority. The Central Planning Staff does not yet have sufficient personnel to conduct the survey, but the necessary personnel were included in the personnel requisition for the Central Planning Staff submitted to the four permanent members of the Intelligence Advisory Board on 26 February.

2. A directive making necessary provisions for the survey should be published without delay. Conduct of the survey should begin as soon as sufficient personnel are provided.

3. The proper Intelligence Advisory Board for this survey includes the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has been invited to sit as a member and has accepted, in addition to the permanent members.

4. Paragraph 3 of N.I.A. Directive No. 1 provides a procedure by which the necessary directive can be published and carried

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out by unanimous approval of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, without action by the National Intelligence Authority.

5. Enclosed is a draft directive, making necessary provisions for the survey. If all members of the Intelligence Advisory Board concur in the draft without substantial change, a meeting will not be necessary. It is recommended that the enclosed directive be approved, and that each member of the Intelligence Advisory Board arrange for necessary implementation by his agency.

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C.I.G. DIRECTIVE NO.

SURVEY OF FACILITIES FOR COLLECTING FOREIGN  
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Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence,  
with the Unanimous Concurrence  
of the Intelligence Advisory Board

References: a. C.I.G. Directive No. 1  
b. N.I.A. Directives Nos. 1 and 2

1. By C.I.G. TOP SECRET Directive No. 1, dated 19 February 1946, an ad hoc committee was established to make a study of the facilities, resources, and operations of the Strategic Services Unit (SSU) and submit recommendations. Pursuant to paragraph 4-b, N.I.A. Directive No. 2, it is now necessary to initiate a broad survey of all existing Government facilities for the collection of foreign intelligence information by clandestine methods. This memorandum states the provisions which will govern this survey.

2. Intelligence Advisory Board. In addition to the permanent members of the Intelligence Advisory Board, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a member for the purposes of this survey.

3. a. The scope of this survey will include all clandestine methods for collecting foreign intelligence information, except the intercept of electric communications.

b. The objectives will be:

(1) To secure sound descriptions of methods used now or during the war, including details of training, administration, finance, communications, control and all other details required for complete understanding.

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- (2) To produce uniform terminology.
- (3) To secure correct estimates of the productivity and efficiency of the various methods.
- (4) To appraise the availability of trained and qualified personnel.
- (5) To appraise the facilities of separate departments or permanent agencies for conducting various phases of clandestine operations, either separately or jointly.
- (6) To determine whether particular phases of clandestine operations may be performed more efficiently as central services.
- (7) To prepare recommendations for submission to the National Intelligence Authority.

4. a. The Central Planning Staff, C.I.G., will conduct the survey. It will be authorized to call for personnel indicated in paragraph 5, below, to appear and give such oral or written reports as may be required for purposes of the survey. It will also have full access to the studies and recommendations of the committee established to survey SSU activities, and will be authorized to secure additional pertinent information from members of that committee.

b. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will appoint a representative to serve as an expert consultant with the Central Planning Staff for the purposes of this survey.

5. Each member of the Intelligence Advisory Board will designate a representative to arrange details with the Central Planning Staff, including furnishing the C.I.G. a list of personnel authorized to give information for purposes of the survey. This list will include available persons who are now familiar, or who during the war have been familiar, with the actual operating details of the clandestine methods used. These personnel will be

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instructed that they are to furnish all information which the Central Planning Staff requires for purposes of the survey. They will be authorized to make suggestions and express opinions, carefully distinguishing between personal views and official views of departments or agencies. They will also be authorized to suggest the names of additional personnel who may be able to throw light on the matters considered.

6. The Central Planning Staff will submit its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence. He will then submit appropriate recommendations to the National Intelligence Authority, after concurrence or comment by the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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